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Maypole Soap.  
Ceylon and India Tea.  
Cash Sale—A. M. Stanton  
Closing Out—P. O. Clark.  
The North American Review.  
Do You Admire—J. C. Stevens.  
94 per cent—W. H. S. Whitcomb.  
Clearance Sale—The Old Bee Hive.  
A Pretty Foot—J. D. Patridge & Co.  
Hard Times—Barbour's Bus. College.  
A Wind-Fall—The King Clothing Co.  
Annual Sale—Louise Bros. & Smythe.  
A Prominent Merchant—W. W. Sprague.  
Fire and Water Sale—Boynston & Eastman.

## FRATERNITY MEETINGS.

**Palatine Commandery, No. 8, K. T.**  
Palatine Commandery No. 5, Knight Tem-  
plar holds a Special Conclave Thursday eve-  
ning, January 18. The order of the Red  
Cross will be conferred.

**P. F. HAZEN, Commander.**  
D. M. BACON, Recorder.

## Knights of Pythias.

Regular convention of Apollo Lodge No. 2  
Tuesday, Jan. 18. Installation of officers.  
Work in "Page" rank.

## W. O. SHAW, C. C.

## H. T. FISHER, K. R. S.

## WEATHER RECORD.

At Bingham's Drug Store, for the week  
ending January 12, 1897.

	Highest	Lowest
Thursday.....	32	12
Friday.....	30	25
Saturday.....	34	18
Sunday.....	27	10
Monday.....	22	4
Tuesday.....	25	5
Wednesday.....	36	20

## LOCAL GATHERINGS.

—The Odd Fellows of the sixth district  
hold a meeting here Feb. 3. The pro-  
gramme is now being arranged.

—The order of Eastern Star will hold a  
district meeting in Lyndonville next  
Wednesday afternoon and evening.

—The literature class of the Woman's  
Club will meet at No. 20 Main street,  
Monday afternoon, Jan. 17, at 3 o'clock.  
Subject, "The English Bible."

—The Merchants bank will be closed  
Friday afternoon during the funeral of  
Col. Frederick Fletcher, who was the  
main mover in starting the bank and its  
first president.

—The members of the Adelpian society  
surprised their president, Joseph Fair-  
banks, on Wednesday evening last and  
gave him a very pleasant demonstration  
of their regard for him.

—Mrs. F. O. Clark gave an exhibition  
and sale of domestic cooking at her Sum-  
mer street home yesterday afternoon.  
Food may be obtained daily at F. O.  
Clark's store on Eastern avenue.

—Chamberlin Post, G. A. R., Frost  
Camp, S. of V., and the W. R. C. had a  
public installation of officers last week  
Thursday evening. The ladies furnished  
refreshments during the evening.

—Remember the exhibition of the State  
Poultry and Pet Stock association in the  
Town Hall Jan. 25-28. The annual ban-  
quet of the association will be given at  
the Avenue House on the evening of the  
26th.

—Mr. and Mrs. Smythe, the clerks in  
Louise Bros. & Smythe's store with a  
few invited friends enjoyed a barge ride  
to Lyndonville last Friday evening.  
Landlord Webb served the party a good  
supper.

—The annual meeting of the Caledonia  
Fair Ground Co. will be held in the Board  
of Trade rooms next Tuesday at 1.30 p.  
m. The agricultural society will hold its  
meeting in the same place at 10 a. m.  
next Tuesday.

—The St. Johnsbury fire department  
tendered Walter Husband a farewell  
banquet Monday evening. Mr. Husband  
was a member of Hose Co. No. 4 and  
popular with all the boys. The firemen  
presented him with a fine grip.

—N. M. and F. A. Scott have com-  
menced repairs on their block damaged  
by the late fire. The middle block, by  
the one occupied by the Moore & Co. in-  
surance office, will have a third story ad-  
ded to it, making it even with the block on  
each side.

—A jolly company of 18 formed a snow-  
shoe party last Friday evening and  
walked up the meadows of Sleeper's  
river toward the Hatchery. At the close  
of this most exhilarating sport, they  
returned to the home of John W. Balch,  
where a chafing-dish supper was served  
by the ladies.

## PERSONALS.

Mrs. Abbie McNeil is confined to the  
house by ill health.

Prof. and Mrs. Arthur Fairbanks of  
New Haven, Conn., spent Tuesday at his  
old home.

B. F. Weeks has moved into the Cowles  
house on Pearl street. He recently pur-  
chased this house.

Frank Stafford and W. P. Stafford  
were called to Barre Monday to attend  
the funeral of a relative.

Rev. M. J. Carmody will take another  
southern trip with the hope of receiving  
further benefit to his health.

Frank D. Martell has purchased a  
barber shop in Montpelier of George W.  
Bonett and has taken possession.

Henry Fuller will soon leave the office  
of E. and T. Fairbanks to take charge of  
the company's business in Montreal.

Hon. and Mrs. J. B. Peckett of Brad-  
ford were among the visitors in town  
during the session of the officers' school.

Fish Commissioner J. W. Titcomb  
spent the first of this week in Boston.

He left Wednesday for Florida on a  
business trip.

Miss Katherine Harvey is convalescent  
after being confined to the house for  
a number of weeks with lung trouble  
and rheumatism.

F. Farrington, who has been stopping  
at the St. Johnsbury House for several  
weeks, has gone to Boston. He is con-  
templating a southern trip.

Mrs. Lyman P. Wood of Burlington  
made a short visit among her friends  
last week and left for Boston Saturday,  
accompanied by Miss Isabel M. Padlock.

John H. Drew left Monday for Chicago  
where he will spend several weeks visit-  
ing his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Lamson.

He hopes that the change may improve  
his health.

Following are the advertised letters at  
the postoffice: Mrs. J. Banrassa, Mrs.  
Alphonse Duhaime, Adelia Gougeon, Mrs.  
Sophronia Hammond, Miss Gertrude Ken-  
ney, Bert Andrews, S. H. Creaser, Ferdi-  
nand Corneau, William Marshall, Chas.  
A. Paine, William Ross.

D. G. C., L. W. Rowell, went to Barton  
on Monday evening last to assist Grand  
Commander, L. M. Cragin of Springfield,  
in the installation of the officers elect of  
Barton Commandery, No. 752, U. O. G.  
C. The installation was public and was  
well attended by the citizens of Barton.

This commandery is doing good work  
and expects to add many new members  
during the present year.

The many friends of G. W. Hallett of  
Kansas City have known that his health  
has been failing for several years and  
they will be interested to learn that after  
returning to Kansas City last September  
he grew rapidly worse and his sufferings  
became so severe that his recovery  
seemed impossible, but in November last  
a council was called of three physicians  
and one of the best surgeons in the West  
and they decided that one of the most  
dangerous operations in surgery must be  
performed at once. The operation was a  
perfect success and although the re-  
covery owing to his long illness and  
great suffering must necessarily be very  
slow, the physician and his friends feel  
confident that in a few months he will be  
in better health than for many years  
past.

L. M. Cragin of Springfield, grand  
commander of the W. O. G. C. of Vermont,  
with his wife and daughter, spent  
Wednesday in town. In the evening he  
installed the officers of Green Mt. com-  
mandery, No. 335, of this place. On  
Thursday evening he installed the officers  
of West Concord commandery, No. 652.

On Friday evening he will officially visit  
the commandery at Lyndonville. He is  
just beginning a tour of the command-  
eries of the state and expects to add  
many new members to the order this  
winter. He is peculiarly fitted for this  
work and is very popular.

**University of Vermont Notes.**—The  
Medical college opened Jan. 6, the fresh-  
man class numbering 135.  
President Buckingham was in New York  
a few days last week.  
The Ariel board expect to have the  
college annual out sometime before the  
spring vacation.  
Miss Ruth Rouse of England, repre-  
senting the Y. M. C. A., spoke before the  
young ladies at Gross Mount, Jan. 9.  
Miss Penher, '01, of Wells, Vt., who  
has been seriously sick for some time, is  
not expected to live.  
A college meeting was held Jan. 7, and  
G. J. Holden, '99, was elected manager  
of the football team, C. M. Heton, '00,  
assistant manager.  
It is expected that Hamlin, one of the  
pitchers of the Yale Varsity team last  
year, will enter the Medical college some  
time this winter.  
The musical clubs left Monday, Jan.  
10, for a week's trip through the south-  
ern part of the state.  
Prof. Linsley of the Medical college will  
address the members of the Botanical  
club Friday evening, Jan. 14, on the  
subject of "bacteriology."

The Dairy school of the University  
opened Monday, the 10th, for its seventh  
annual session. The school can only ac-  
commodate 50, and this number has  
already been registered and several have  
been refused admission.

DEATH OF COL. FREDERICK  
FLETCHER.

One of the Best Known Business Men in the  
State.—Passes Away at the Advanced Age of  
93.—Sketch of His Life.

At three o'clock Wednesday afternoon  
occurred the death of Col. Frederick  
Fletcher, one of St. Johnsbury's best-  
known and, with one exception, its oldest  
citizens. The end came quickly and  
peacefully, and at a time when hardly  
expected. It was known that the end  
was near, but it was thought that there  
would yet be a few more days.

A week ago Monday Col. Fletcher was  
out and enjoyed a long ride. Wednesday  
night he was taken with some stomach  
trouble and has since gradually grown  
weaker. He retained his mental facul-  
ties until the very last. Tuesday a gen-  
tleman from Greensboro was with him  
and they talked over some business mat-  
ters for several minutes. Wednesday

morning his son, Col. T. C. Fletcher, spent  
some time with him, talking over vari-  
ous business matters.

It was wonderful the way this remark-  
able man retained his mental faculties,  
keen and alert until the very last, and his  
physical faculties almost as long. When  
he celebrated his 87th birthday it was  
said of him that he "bore the burden of  
his more than fourscore years lightly,  
and of physical infirmities he has hardly  
a trace, aside from a slight failure of  
eyesight, which has only recently obliged  
him to wear glasses. All his physical fa-  
culties are as acute as those of a man in  
the prime of life. His hearing is un-  
impaired, his step is firm and vigorous  
and, walking or driving, his tall, erect  
figure impresses a stranger as belonging  
to an alert business man of 50 or 60  
years."

This was said of him on the day  
he was 87 years old, and the same could  
almost be said of him a year or so ago.  
Of course the six years added to the 87  
had made his step a little less firm and  
vigorous, his figure a little less erect, but  
his mental faculties were not changed,  
they were strong and acute to the very  
last.

Col. Frederick Fletcher was born in  
Woodstock Nov. 21, 1804, the youngest  
of 12 children of James and Catherine  
Fletcher. The family was a notable one,  
both for the longevity of its members  
and for the prominence they took in the  
affairs of the time and for the success  
they invariably achieved in whatever  
they undertook. The father was born in  
Chesham, N. H., in February, 1757, the  
combined lives of father and son thus  
covering a span of 140 years. The  
mother was born May 15, 1762. The  
12 children were born as follows: Polly,  
Feb. 6, 1780; Russell, Dec. 17, 1781;  
Sally, Sept. 7, 1784; Benjamin, Jan. 25,  
1787; James, March 31, 1789; Seth,  
Aug. 12, 1791; Perry and Paris, (twins)  
March 21, 1794; Joseph, March 20,  
1797; Catherine, Oct. 28, 1799; Thad-  
deus R. Nov. 12, 1801; Frederick, Nov.  
21, 1804. The children all lived to be  
very old, with the exception of Perry,  
who died in early life. James died at the  
age of 92 and Paris at 86.

The family being large the older chil-  
dren would leave home when they be-  
came old enough to seek their fortunes in  
other places. They were made of the  
right material to work and succeed and  
succeed they did. Paris Fletcher, at an  
early age, went to Bridport, Addison  
county, opened a saddler's shop and then  
a country store, prospered, and when he  
was the richest man in that county.  
Frederick and Thaddeus followed Paris  
and there they laid the foundation of their  
fortunes. After working for Paris a year  
or two and saving a small sum of money,  
they were ready for a start alone with  
something that promised bigger money.  
They decided to establish themselves in  
the mercantile business in Jericho and  
their brother Paris guaranteeing their  
bills for a small amount with a New  
York wholesale house they started out  
under favorable circumstances. With  
their business ability and industry it  
was not long before they were transac-  
ting a large mercantile business. Their  
business gradually but surely and safely  
expanded. They commenced to estab-  
lish stores in different towns in the coun-  
ty. In a few years they had seven stores

in as many towns and were doing an  
immense business. To successfully carry  
on such an enterprise as theirs required  
extraordinary business ability, close ap-  
plication and hard work. These two  
men possessed the qualities necessary for  
such an enterprise and were soon rapidly  
accumulating money.

They naturally took an interest in the  
public affairs of their town. Thaddeus  
became interested in politics and was  
elected a senator for one term, perform-  
ing the duties of the office to the satisfac-  
tion of his constituents. Frederick took  
an interest in the militia and concerning  
this mention will be made later in this  
article. He also established a poor farm  
which seven towns had access to and  
which proved a great success in the care  
of the poor.

In 1842, when Thaddeus was 42 and  
Frederick 38, the brothers decided to  
close out their business and retire to  
Burlington. Their mercantile business in  
Jericho had been unusually successful  
and each had accumulated a snug for-  
tune. Thaddeus later became very rich  
and his large fortune finally went to the  
establishment of the Fletcher free library  
and the Mary Fletcher hospital in Bar-  
lington.

Col. Frederick Fletcher's reputation as  
a man of great business ability at once  
brought him to the front in Burlington  
business circles. When the Farmers and  
Mechanics' bank was organized in 1834  
he was made a director. On becoming a  
resident of Burlington he was elected  
president of the bank, holding the office  
for many years and guiding the affairs  
of the bank with great ability. It is  
needless to say that under his admin-  
istration the bank was a success. Some  
differences finally arising among the  
stockholders of the bank the institution  
was merged into the present Merchants  
bank of Burlington. Some of the stock  
holders of the bank were violent demo-  
crats and thinking that no bank would  
be able to prosper after the election of  
Abraham Lincoln they made trouble  
that resulted in the above change.

Frederick Fletcher, always familiarly  
known as Col. Fletcher, derived this title  
from his connection with the militia,  
which he entered in 1826 as captain.

He passed through the subordinate  
grades up to a colonel of the 8th reg-  
iment. He was a prominent figure in the  
state militia until 1850, when he retired.

He was the first man in Vermont to ad-  
dress the now familiar brass band to a reg-  
iment on occasion of parades, muster and  
other public occasions. When he was  
commissioned colonel in 1838 the militia  
had just been reorganized and consisted  
of three divisions, nine brigades and 27  
regiments. Silas H. Jennison was gov-  
ernor and commander-in-chief. Gen.  
Stephen Dole of Danville was commander  
of the second division and Gen. E. B.  
Chase of Lyndon, of the third division,  
while James Morse of Waterford and  
James Gikerson of Ryegate, both  
colonels, commanded the Caledonia  
county regiments. Col. Fletcher was in  
all probability the last of the 12 generals  
and 27 colonels who commanded the  
militia of those days.

Col. Fletcher became a resident of St.  
Johnsbury about 36 years ago. His son,  
Col. Truman C. Fletcher, had already  
established himself in business here. He  
has since been one of St. Johnsbury's  
most prominent citizens, evidently prefer-  
ring the climate of this section of the  
state to that about Lake Champlain.

He was accustomed for many years to  
spend a part of each summer on his large  
farm in Shelburne, adjoining the magnif-  
icent estate of Dr. Seward Webb. On this  
farm is a stately stone mansion. The  
property was once owned by Congress-  
man Meach, a great man in early Ver-  
mont days.

During his early residence in St. John-  
sbury, Col. Fletcher was mainly instru-  
mental in the organization of the Mer-  
chants National bank. He was its first  
president and its director for a number  
of years.

Col. Fletcher was first married in 1831  
to Maria Chittenden, who died in 1834.

On Jan. 14, 1836, he married Beulah  
Chittenden, a sister of his first wife.

These two ladies were daughters of the  
Hon. Truman Chittenden and grand-  
daughters of the Hon. Thomas Chittenden.

The Chittenden family is perhaps  
the most distinguished and illustrious  
family in the state. The founder of this  
family, Mrs. Frederick Fletcher's grand-  
father, was the first governor of our  
commonwealth and a great factor in its  
establishment. Truman Chittenden was  
a noted citizen of the state for many  
years and the present head of the family  
is the honorable Lucius E. Chittenden of  
New York. It is a family famous for its  
ability and patriotism for many years.

Mrs. Fletcher died March 16, 1863, at  
the advanced age of 81 years. Of three  
children one son survives the father and  
mother, Col. Truman C. Fletcher of St.  
Johnsbury.

During his residence in St. Johnsbury  
the management of his real estate and  
financial interests has commanded his

attention and up to the very last he  
gave these affairs the same careful atten-  
tion that he did years ago.

In politics he was first a whig, casting  
his first presidential vote in 1828 for  
John Quincy Adams. He has voted at  
every presidential election, joining the  
republican party in 1856. He repre-  
sented the town of Underhill in the legis-  
lature in 1843, '44 and '45 and was rep-  
resentative from Shelburne in 1861 and  
'62. He has held many town offices of  
trust.

Col. Fletcher's capital, when he left  
home at the age of 14 to seek his fortune,  
was a homespun suit of clothes and 25  
cents. The 25 cents went for food on the  
first day away from home. But he was  
not long without money, his industry  
and hard work finally brought it to him  
in a sufficient abundance.

He was a gentleman of the old school,  
tall and erect, with smooth face and  
courtly manners and was for many years  
one of the most familiar figures on our  
streets. He was a lover of good horse  
flesh and not long ago was frequently  
seen driving the family carriage and  
pair as deftly as the young man of 25.  
A worthy and influential member of the  
Episcopal church he did much for that  
society in this town. He could read,  
write or sign his name up to within a  
short time ago as easily as ever he could,  
so he used to say. His longevity he at-  
tributed to his habits of industry, his  
frugality and temperance in all things.

A familiar figure on our streets for so  
many years Col. Fletcher will be much  
missed. He was a delightful man to  
visit with, a fine conversationalist with  
a fund of interesting anecdotes and re-  
miniscences never exhausted.

The funeral will be held from his late  
residence this afternoon at two o'clock,  
conducted by the Masonic lodge. It is  
expected that a delegation will be pres-  
ent from the Washington lodge of Bar-  
lington, of which Col. Fletcher was one  
of the oldest, if not the oldest, living  
member. It was a request of his, made  
two years ago, that the funeral should  
be thus conducted.

**Mozart Symphony Club.**—The Moz-  
art Symphony club, Thursday evening,  
Jan. 20, is the next entertainment in the  
Y. M. C. A. lecture course and it promises  
to be a rare musical treat. The artists  
in the company are as follows: Mr. Otto  
Lund, solo violin; Richard Stoecker,  
viola; Herr Theo. Hoch, violin; Marie  
Blodeck, cello; assisted by Miss Marie  
Gummer, prima donna; Richard Stoecker,  
viola d'Amour soloist and Archi-  
tecto; Herr Theo. Hoch, cornet virtuoso;  
Roman triumphal trumpet and a pi-  
e-cho horn; Marie Blodeck, da g-  
soloist. Below are a few press-  
notices: "The prize song, 'Meistersinger,'" by  
R. Wagner, on the violin d'Amour, was  
rendered by Herr Richard Stoecker in a way  
that suggested the